

THE DAVIDSON-CALL CONTEST.

The Arrival of the Former Causes a Reference to Precedents.

THE LATEST SPEAKERSHIP PROSPECTS.

Miller, Crisp, McMillin and Springer Busy With Their Friends Pressing Their Claims—Capitol News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—The arrival in this city of ex-representative Davidson, with credentials signed by the Governor of Florida, to contest the re-election to the United States Senate of Senator Call, has caused reference to precedents.

The case which comes nearest in point in the compilation of "Senate Election Cases" from 1793 to 1888, appears to be the case of Fustis against Pinckney, of Louisiana; decided in favor of Mr. Fustis in December 1857. Senator Call's friends claim that this case is substantially on all fours with the case of Fustis, and that the Senate should follow the precedent of 1857.

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SOUND A DIFFERENT BELL.

Taking up the first question, Mr. Smith went on to contend that the tariff act was never constitutionally enacted, because the bill was introduced by the President was not the same as the bill introduced by the President.

THE LATEST REPORT OF D. P. LOBBART.

The annual report of D. P. Lobbart, superintendent of the dead letter office, covering the operations during the last fiscal year has been submitted to the Postmaster General.

Funeral of J. Allen Patton.

DANVILLE, VA., Nov. 30.—[Special.]—As briefly noted in Sunday's Times, Mr. J. Allen Patton, treasurer of the Danville, died Saturday night. Though he had been confined to his room for some time, and was known to be a very sick man, his death was sudden and unexpected.

PRINCES, PRELATES, PRIESTS.

All Gather to Celebrate Archbishop Kenrick's Golden Jubilee.

UNIQUE AND IMPOSING CEREMONIES.

For the First Time in the History of the Catholic Church in This Country the Event Occurs.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 30.—For the first time in the history of the Catholic Church in this country the opportunity is presented to celebrate the golden jubilee of an archbishop. The distinguished prelate to whom is accorded this high honor is His Grace, Peter Richard Kenrick, the venerable and beloved archbishop of the diocese of Missouri.

The solemn pontifical mass in honor of the occasion was celebrated this morning in the old cathedral on Walnut street. The interior of the church was handsomely decorated.

The mass celebrated for the occasion was "Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cecile," and it was rendered in a beautiful and majestic manner by a choir of fifty trained voices, chosen from the different choirs of the city.

Meredith Will Easily Win.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Nov. 30.—[Special.]—The triangular fight for Congress in the Third District of Virginia, which has been going on since the election of November 3rd, is now drawing to a close.

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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The Coroner's Inquiry Into the Fatal Accident—Death of the Eighth Victim.

THREE HUNDRED FOREIGNERS KILLED BY THE REBELS AND THEIR GOODS DESTROYED.

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DEATH AND DIRE DISTRESS

Results from a Terrible and Unaccountable Explosion.

OVER THIRTY-TWO PEOPLE KILLED

And Many Others Injured—The Chinese Revolution Spreading Daily—France and the Papacy—Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—A terrible explosion occurred at Blackburn near Preston, Lancashire, today. Blackburn contains a population of over 100,000, and an extensive business in cotton goods is done there. The streets in the vicinity of the explosion were full of people, when suddenly and without a moment's warning the earth shook, there was a tremendous report and the air was filled with flying bricks, timbers, broken glass and all manner of debris. The houses which were destroyed were in the Blackburn market, naturally one of the most frequented parts of the town, and the scene which followed was indescribable.

The people were wild with fear, and ran in terror from the market place. Many of those who ran away had been struck by flying debris, and with blood pouring from their wounds they added to the terror of the people.

A HOTEL COLLAPSES.

The police hastened to the scene and as soon as possible began to search the ruins for the dead. The Crown Hotel and two stores on Victoria street collapsed immediately after the explosion, the cause of which is unknown. The Crown Hotel caught fire and from its ruins the most heartrending cries issued. The entire building tumbled in upon those unfortunates who were in the building, and according to reports, at least thirty people were buried in the ruins, while over a dozen are said to have met death in the ruins of the stores. Several heroic efforts to save life were made by the police and firemen. One of the men who were rescued was a woman who was lying in the ruins of the Crown Hotel, and who was severely injured. It was only with difficulty that he was rescued by his comrades.

A HEART-RENDING SCENE.

Later, the number of deaths is not yet known, but it is judged that the majority of the bodies will be found in the ruins of the hotel. The police and firemen are now masters of the situation, and it may be said that all that remains to be done is to overhaul the ruins and pick out the dead. Many terrible scenes of distress have been witnessed about the ruins upon the part of those who have been rescued, among them a woman who feared that her husband had died in the ruins. One poor woman with five children clinging to her skirts and a babe at her breast is the centre of sympathy and interest in the crowd. She is supposed to be the wife of the assistant cook of the Crown Hotel, and her cries and those of her children are enough to make a heart of stone bleed. Five bodies have already been recovered. They are buried or crushed almost beyond recognition. The cause of the explosion still remains a mystery. The police estimate the number of dead at thirty-two.

A WAR ON THE PRELATES.

The French Government insists that they behave in a more moderate manner.

[By Cable to the Times.]

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The Gaulois to-day announces that M. Ribot, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in an interview with Monsignor Ferrat, the Papal Nuncio in this city, has distinctly informed the latter that unless the Vatican takes steps to cause the archbishops and bishops of France to behave in a more moderate manner towards the French Government that France will no longer oppose the separation of Church and State. In addition, it is said, the Government has determined at all hazards, to insist upon prelates of all ranks obeying the laws as strictly as any humble citizen.

THE CHURCH CONTROVERSY REVEALED.

Popular excitement continues at fever heat on account of the controversy between the Government and the Archbishop of Aix. In the city of Aix there is a numerous party opposed to the Church, so far, at least, as concerns its connection with the State, and these resolved to give the Archbishop on his return, a reception that would show that his course had not been popular.

When the train bearing the prelate arrived in the station at Aix a multitude was assembled that evinced a hostile disposition. Loud hisses were heard, and the Archbishop, alighted, and the crowd made a rush at him, and he was rudely hustled, if not actually struck, and would have suffered more severely but for the police, who managed with considerable force to keep the disorderly mob back.

The Church Catholics, however, made up in some degree for the unpleasant experiences of their archbishop by presenting him with a splendid mitre and crozier in token of their approval of his conduct. The church controversy, which has been largely confined to Aix, is now spreading largely to the other parts of France, and is now spreading largely to the other parts of France, and is now spreading largely to the other parts of France.

CHILL REMAINS DEFIANT.

She Has No Intention of Offering an Apology to the United States.

[By Cable to the Times.]

VALPARAISO, Nov. 30.—The United Press correspondent was informed to-day on the authority of an official holding high place in the Chilean Government that no intention whatever of offering an apology or indemnity, such as the American President requested, had been made by the Chilean Government. The Chilean Government, however, made up in some degree for the unpleasant experiences of their archbishop by presenting him with a splendid mitre and crozier in token of their approval of his conduct.

The President himself, it is said, was the most earnest advocate in the Junta of a declaration of war to the United States and virtually dictated the answer sent to Minister Egan. Montt has not changed his views since he exchanged the office of Chief of the Junta for that of President, and Chili is silent now because there is nothing to be said.

Meantime, although a cutting down of the army and navy, no steps have been taken to carry out the recommendation, and even the volunteers sent back to their homes in the North were told to retain their arms.

Five Killed; Ten Injured.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Nov. 30.—A bridge on the Great Northern railway extension at Kalmar, Mont., fell to-day, taking down with it fifteen men. Five men were killed and the other ten injured. Some of the injured may die. The fall was 120 feet.

Shocks of Earthquake.

TACOMA, WASH., Nov. 30.—Several shocks of earthquake were felt yesterday at Port Townsend, at Olympia and at this place. The disturbances were distributed but no damage is reported. The shock was also felt at Seattle.

Death of Mr. Richard, M. P.

[By Cable to the Times.]

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The death of Richard Power, member of Parliament for Watford, and well known as the "whip" of the Parnellite party, which occurred yesterday, has been a great shock not only to the Irish Parliamentary party, but also to parliament generally. Mr. Power suffered from cholera after a theatre on Thursday last and he rapidly succumbed, his strength not being sufficient to stand the strain of sickness.

Ambulance Calls.

Yesterday was a busy day with the city ambulance, four calls having occupied it during the day.

The first call was at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning to the Third station-house to a white man who, while intoxicated had fallen in the snow and was half frozen when discovered. He soon revived and was left at the station-house.

At 2 P. M. to Twelfth and Broad streets to a colored man who was sick. He was taken to the ambulance for treatment.

At 6:30 P. M. to John Crowshaw, No. 781 Brook